

Andrew Jackson to John M. Davis, May 7, 1818, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO MAJOR JOHN M. DAVIS.¹

1 Copy.

“ Head Quarters Divn. South ” May 7, 1818.

Sir. You will send or deliver personally as you may deem most advisable the enclosed talk to Kanard with instructions to explain the substance to the chehaw warriors You will proceed thence to Hartford in Georgia and use your Endeavours to arrest and deliver over in Irons to the military authority at fort Hawkins Captn. Wright of the Georgia militia who has been guilty of the outrage against the women and superannuated men of the chehaw village, Should Wright have left hartford you will call upon the Governor of Geoa. to aid you in his arrest To enable you to execute the above you are authorised to take in company with you the Tennesseeans that went from hence lately for fort Scott and await if you think it necessary the arrival of the Georgians now on march under major Porter You will direct the officer commanding at fort Hawkins to Keep Captn. Wright in close confinement untill the will of the president be known. . . .²

² To this order Major Davis sent the following report from Fort Hawkins, May 30, 1818:

“ *Sir:* By express I hasten to communicate to you, that in pursuance of your order to me of the 7th Inst. I came up with Captain Obed Wright of the Georgia Militia, in Dublin on the 24th Inst. I arrested him, and brought him on with me as far as Milledgeville, where the civil authority interfered and discharged him. A copy of the proceedings is herewith enclosed to you. I also enclose you copies of my letters to the Secy. War, and Govr. of

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Georgia, together with a copy of your order to me, (which you kept no copy of), and a copy of Wrights arrest.

“So far as I have had an opportunity of discovering, the minds of the Georgians is much agitated on this occasion, and many of them warmly advocate Wright's conduct, I had to brook several insults while I had him in custody. The General impression of the *rabble* was that Wright would be delivered up to the Indians. The enlightened class new better, and said that you were incapable of doing such an act. I did not let the court know the extent of my orders. I only shew my first order, which directs him to be delivered over to the military authority at Fort Hawkins there to be kept in close confinement until the will of the President be known. The Govr. of Georgia is absent at present, whether he will on his return order him to be delivered over to me on my application, or not is uncertain, I dont expect he will”.